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SUBJ: VISIT OF TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER AND ALGERIAN

ATTITUDE TOWARD CYPRUS

1. ACCORDING TO TURKISH AMBASSADOR MELEK, FONMIN GUNES WAS WELL SATISFIED WITH HIS SEPTEMBER 5 CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA. BOUMEDIENE'S ATTITUDE WAS PRAGMATIC AND DIRECTED TOWARD SOLVING CRISIS. BOUTEFLIKA HAD THREE PRINCIPAL CONCERNS: TO KEEP ISSUE FROM CAUSING OPEN SPLIT IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT; TO KEEP ISSUE FROM BECOMING SUBJECT OF DIVISIVE DEBATE AT 29TH UNGA AND TO AVOID PRECEDENT OF CONDONING SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN SETTLEMENT OF MEDITERRANEAN DISPUTES. THUS, ALGERIANS HAD AGREED IN PRIVATE THAT PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOLVED BY PARTIES IF POSSIBLE AND THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE GENEVA CONFERENCE RECONVENED BEFORE OPENING OF UNGA.

2. FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA, MELEK SAID, BELIEVED THAT SOME
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CONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS ISSUE BY UNGA WAS VIRTUALLY

INEVITABLE. BOUTEFLIKA ASSURED GUNES THAT IN THIS CASE ALGERIA WOULD WORK FOR RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE EFFORTS OF PARTIES TO SOLVE PROBLEM AMONG THEMSELVES.

3. MELEK SAID ALGERIANS SHOWED NO PARTICULAR INTEREST IN CYPRUS INTERNAL GOVERNING STRUCTURE SO LONG AS ITS INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY WERE PRESERVED. HE SAID ALGERIANS BASICALLY ACCEPTED TURKISH POINT OF VIEW ON WHY MAKARIOS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN.
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